Safety of senior citizens

2828. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that there were incidents one after the other in the past year, of elderly people getting murdered by criminals through organised burglraies; and

(b) if so, what measures were taken to ensure safety of senior citizens?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) "Police" and "Law and Order" are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs have issued guidelines to the State Governments from time to time to give more focussed attention to improving the administration of the criminal justice system, more particularly to ensure prevention of crime against vulnerable sections of society including senior citizens.

Government of India have formulated a 'National Policy on Older Persons' which, *inter alia*, provides for keeping a friendly vigil on the senior citizens living alone and promote mechanism of interaction with neighbourhood associations, information and advice to them on the importance of keeping contacts on phone with relatives, friends and neighbours, precautions to be taken on matters, such as, prevention of unauthorized entry. Hiring of domestic help, visit of repair and maintenance workers, vendors and others and handling of cash and valuables.

The State Governments have been advised to take action accordingly to ensure safety of the senior citizens.

Illegal immigration of bangladeshis

2829. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Assam has submitted an eight-point

proposal to the Central Government to check illegal infiltration along the Indo-Bangladesh border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) when was the proposal received by the Centre;

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken in the matter; and

(e) what other steps are contemplated to restrict the illegal immigration of the Bangladeshis into Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) to (e) The Government has received proposals from the Government of Assam to check illegal infiltration from Indo-Bangladesh border from time to time. The proposals include *inter-alia* reduction of gaps between border outposts of Border Security Force (BSF), reverine patrolling, border fencing and preparation of National Register of Citizens, etc.

The Government has taken action to check illegal infiltration along the Indo-Bangladesh border, which include strengthening of BSF by equipping them with modern and sophisticated equipment/gadgets; raising of additional battalions of BSF; reduction of gaps between border outposts; intensification of patrolling; accelerated programme of construction of border roads and border fencing; provision of surveillance equipment, etc. The State Governments and Union Territories have also been directed to enforce the provisions of Foreigners Act (IMDT Act in case of Assam) strictly.

Security arrangements at railway stations

2830. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to take over the security arrangements at local railway stations in Mumbai like it has at the airports due to terrorist threat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?